

Resolution # 27-08

**NWLTCO Consortium
County Board Resolution #3
Creation of a Long-Term Care District**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Long-Term Care Options Consortium (NWLTCO), which includes Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn counties, have jointly planned since February, 2006 for the regionalization of Family Care, and

WHEREAS, 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 (the 2007-2009 biennial state budget) was signed into law on October 26, 2007 which authorizes expansion of the long-term care program known as Family Care; and

WHEREAS, Act 20 provides both funding authority for Family Care expansion and legal authority to create a regional entity known as a "Long-Term Care District" to provide Family Care through the operation of a Managed Care Organization (MCO); and

WHEREAS, a Long-Term Care District operates separate and independent of the counties which created it and therefore imposes no continuing or future financial or legal liability upon said counties that form the District in accordance with WI.Statutes 46.2895(11); and

WHEREAS, Act 20 provides that the required annual contribution of a county offering the Family Care program for the first time shall be no more than the amount that county spent on long-term care services for the Family Care target populations in 2006, and if that amount exceeds 22 percent of a county's 2006 Basic County Allocation (BCA), the amount shall be decreased to 22 percent of the 2006 BCA over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Care District retains public oversight of the MCO through the appointment of a governing board by the participating counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of Supervisors, that:

1. This document is intended to serve as the enabling resolution required under WI. Statutes 46.2895 (1) to form a Long-Term Care District.
2. A need exists for a Long-Term Care District to provide Family Care to adults who are frail elderly and adults with physical or developmental disabilities through operation of an MCO.
3. The primary purpose of the Long-Term Care District is to operate an MCO, as defined in WI. Statutes 46.284, that will contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services to provide the Family Care benefit.
4. The Long-Term Care District Governing Board will be comprised of 18 voting members consisting of the following classifications: There shall be eleven (11) board members representing each of the counties that participate in the Long-Term Care District, two (2) board members that are at large representatives with demonstrated

experience and/or knowledge of the persons served by the MCO with preference given to persons with business/financial experience in managed care, and five (5) board members that are representatives of the members the MCO serves. Each of the at large and member representatives will initially be appointed jointly by the participating county boards, and thereafter appointed as prescribed in the Long-Term Care District Board bylaws.

The total number of Board members shall be reduced by the number of counties that do not approve this resolution, and such counties may not appoint a representative to the Board.

5. The members of the Long-Term Care District Board shall serve for staggered four-year terms. The initial term of the Board members shall be designated as one, two, three, and four years in order to create the staggered terms. The initial terms for each original member shall be outlined in the by-laws of the District and such initial terms shall be communicated to the participating counties. Initial terms shall be determined by a random drawing conducted by the Long-Term Care District Board at its first meeting.
6. Recognizing that Act 20 provides that the initial annual contribution of a county offering the Family Care program for the first time shall be no more than the actual amount that county spent on long-term care services for the Family Care target populations in 2006 and if that amount exceeds 22 percent of a county's BCA, the amount shall be decreased to 22 percent of BCA over a five-year period as outlined in Division of Disability & Elder Services Information Memo 2007-14, Long Term Care Fiscal Update Memo #4,

Polk County hereby affirms its commitment to the operation of the MCO and provision of Family Care consistent with Act 20, in the amount of:

Year one:	\$610,810 (32% of BCA)
Year two:	\$562,210
Year three:	\$513,611
Year four:	\$465,011
Year five:	\$416,412 (22% of BCA)

Any savings generated by the reduction of the BCA contribution to the 22% as a result of the regionalization of Family Care will be used for support of county human services.

7. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the Secretaries of the state Departments of Administration, Health and Family Services and Revenue as required under WI. Statutes 46.2895 (1) (a) 2. and to the County Clerks of each eleven counties in the Consortium.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage.

Funding Source: Basic County Allocation, (State), Community Integration Program funds, (State & Federal), Community Options Program – Waiver, (State & Federal).

Finance Committee Advised:

Personnel Committee Advised:

Approved as to form: Jeffrey B. Fuge
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Date submitted to County Board: 4/15/08

County Board action: Adopted.

Submitted by: **Polk County Human Services Board**

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